



Nomination Form

What is The DAISY Award?

DAISY is an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System. The DAISY Foundation was established in 1999 by the family of J. Patrick Barnes. Patrick died at the age of 33, from complications of the auto-immune disease Idiopathic Thrombocytopenia Purpura (ITP). During his eight-week hospital stay, his family was impressed by the care and compassion his nurses provided, not only to him but to everyone in the family. They created the DAISY Award in Pat's memory to recognize those nurses who make a big difference in the lives of so many people.

Our DAISY Award honorees (Registered Nurses or Licensed Practical Nurses) demonstrate the VA's I CARE principles. They also demonstrate excellence through their clinical expertise and compassionate care. They are recognized as role models in our nursing community. VA Central Iowa Health Care System is proud to be a DAISY Award partner, and will recognize one of our health care professionals with this special honor. Each DAISY Award Honoree will be recognized at a public ceremony and will receive:

- a beautiful certificate
- a DAISY Award pin
- a hand-carved stone sculpture entitled A Healer's Touch

Every Registered Nurse and Licensed Practical Nurse nomination gets recognition with a daisy pin and certificate.

In addition, their clinic/unit will celebrate with Cinnabon® cinnamon rolls – a favorite of Patrick's. The Barnes family asks that whenever nurses smell that wonderful cinnamon aroma, they stop for a moment and think about how special they are.

How to Nominate an Extraordinary Registered Nurse or Licensed Practical Nurse:

Patients, families, visitors, nurses, physicians, and other employees may fill out this nomination form and submit it to any clinic/unit secretary or nomination box.

Nomination form is on the back of this page.

To submit your nomination mail to:
VA Central Iowa Health Care System
ATTN: DAISY Coordinator, Building 1, 3A
3600 30th Street
Des Moines, IA 50310
Or E-Mail to Lila.Kurth@va.gov

To find out more about the DAISY program, including the growing list of Partners, please go to www.DAISYfoundation.org.



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FOR EXTRAORDINARY NURSES

IN MEMORY OF J. PATRICK BARNES

I would like to nominate (First and Last name) _____ Unit _____

Please describe a situation in which the nurse demonstrated at least one of these I CARE principles:

Integrity: Maintains the trust and confidence of all with whom she/he engages.

Commitment: Serves Veterans and their families by honoring the VA's mission.

Advocacy: Truly focuses on serving the Veteran.

Respect: Provides dignity and respect to everyone she/he serves and encounters.

Excellence: Strives for the highest quality and continuous improvement.

(Please be as detailed as possible to give your nurse the best chance of winning this award. You can submit a separate page if needed to tell your full story)

Thank you for taking the time to nominate this extraordinary nurse. Please provide your contact information so we can include you in the award celebration if your nominee is chosen.

Date of Nomination _____

Your Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

I am (please check one): Patient Family Visitor Volunteer Staff

(If Staff, please provide: Title _____ Work Location _____)

*By nominating a health care professional, you agree that the story may be shared with the nominee, members of VA Central Iowa Health Care System, and the DAISY Foundation.